

Requested by Senator SMITH DB

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 873**

1 Delete lines 4 through 10 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) On or before January 1, 2026, the Land Conserva-**
3 **tion and Development Commission shall adopt rules to incorporate the**
4 **allowance of soil bioengineering systems for shoreline stabilization in**
5 **estuaries, coastal shorelands and the ocean shore, including by:**

6 **“(a) Adopting a definition of ‘soil bioengineering systems’ that in-**
7 **cludes natural materials that are dynamic and absorb wave energy and**
8 **are meant to mimic natural systems. Materials may include, but are**
9 **not limited to, trees, plants, logs, rocks, and woody debris. ‘Soil**
10 **bioengineering systems’ may not include structural methods of**
11 **shoreline stabilization that are static and reflect wave energy. The**
12 **definition must be separate and distinct from existing rules and defi-**
13 **initions for shoreline stabilization in estuaries, coastal shorelands and**
14 **the ocean shore which include jetties, bulkheads, seawalls, riprap,**
15 **beachfront protective structures and other similar protective struc-**
16 **tures.**

17 **“(b) Requiring that soil bioengineering systems conform with**
18 **statewide land use planning goals and that land use management**
19 **practices and nonstructural solutions are prioritized over structural**
20 **solutions in addressing problems of erosion and flooding.**

21 **“(2) In adopting rules under this section the commission:**

